

**CATALINA ISLAND MARINE INSTITUTE AT CHERRY COVE**  
**5-DAY PROGRAM PLANNER**  
(return once completed)

To best address your school's needs, we utilize a system for early program planning. Because our phone calls often interrupt your classes and catch you off guard, we conduct the initial program planning by email. **Please complete the information below and return it to the CIMI Cherry Cove Program Office by email ([cherryschedule@cimi.org](mailto:cherryschedule@cimi.org)) or snail mail at least 4 weeks ahead of your arrival date.** Once received, your programs will be coordinated with the other groups who are also attending CIMI during your scheduled time. Two weeks prior to your scheduled dates, the Cherry Cove Program Office will contact you to confirm the final details of your trip.

**GROUP INFORMATION**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  School has attended previously

Attending Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  Leader has attended previously

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Students: \_\_\_\_\_ [ Boys: \_\_\_\_\_ / Girls: \_\_\_\_\_ ] # Chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM CHOICES**

5-day trips include **ALL** daytime programs and **FOUR** evening programs. Please check off your nighttime program selections on the second page. For information about each program, see the descriptions below or contact our Cherry Cove Program Office.

**DAYTIME**  
(all programs)

**Water Activities**

- First Snorkel: Explore the rocky reefs and sandy bottom of Cherry Cove! Emphasis is on acclimating students to wetsuits, snorkel gear, and marine environment
- Second Snorkel: First Snorkel is a prerequisite for the Second Snorkel. Emphasis is on ecosystems and marine life identification
- Kayak: Explore the island's waters and enjoy the sport of ocean kayaking in our double-occupancy kayaks
- Day Trip: Kayak and/or hike to another location on the island for a full day of adventure! (weather-dependent)

**Science Activities**

- Algae/Invertebrate/Fish Labs: Investigate the concepts surrounding algae, invertebrates, and fish through experiential learning in our touch tanks and aquariums (3-group rotation)
- Tidepool/Plankton: Explore tidepools and the creatures that inhabit them, then study the creatures' origins via a live plankton sample and video microscopy (2-group rotation)
- Hike: Explore the trails of Cherry Cove while learning about island formation, flora, fauna, ecosystems, and geology. Content and hike difficulty can be customized to an individual group's needs

## **EVENING**

(select four)

- \_\_\_ Night Snorkel (**\$5/student**): Use underwater flashlights to explore Cherry Cove's nocturnal life (including bioluminescence!) with CIMI instructors. Students must have successfully completed a daytime snorkel before participating in a night snorkel
- \_\_\_ Squid Dissection: Investigate the external and internal anatomy and function of the California market squid through a group dissection (students work in pairs)
- \_\_\_ Astronomy: Observe the constellations and planets visible from Cherry Cove while learning about the science behind the night sky. Often accompanied by mythological stories
- \_\_\_ Discovering Sharks: Learn about the lives of sharks and dispel the frightening myths and legends surrounding these creatures, AND pet the live sharks in our shark touch tank!
- \_\_\_ Marine Mammals: Discover incredible facts and dive into the interesting concepts surrounding the charismatic marine mammals
- \_\_\_ Deep Sea: Learn about the challenges of the deep sea and the bizarre creatures who overcome them via interactive demonstrations, activities, and discussion
- \_\_\_ Environmental Awareness: Participate in group critical thinking activities designed to challenge students to develop solutions to current environmental issues
- \_\_\_ Campfire: Enjoy instructor-led skits, songs and stories, or enjoy some all-school reflection time at our waterfront campfire area. We will provide the marshmallows; you will need to bring the s'mores fixin's!